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SUBJ: MRS. CARTER'S VISIT - MEDIA REACTION REPORT

1. MOST LIMA DAILIES JUNE 10 CARRY COVERAGE ON MRS. CARTER'S INTERVIEW WITH AMERICAN PRIESTS WHO WERE IMPRISONED IN BRAZIL AND HER ARRIVAL IN COLOMBIA. TWO MAGAZINES FEATURE HEAVY COVERAGE ON HER LIMA VISIT WITH COMMENTARY.
2. EXPRESO AND EL COMERCIO CARRY UPI RECIFE STORY HEADLINED: "ROSALYNN TALKED WITH MISSIONARIES WHO WERE PRISONERS." CORREO RUNS AFP NEW YORK STORY HEADLINED: "PRIESTS DENOUNCED TORTURES TO ROSALYNN."
3. ALL NEWSPAPERS CARRY MRS. CARTER BOGOTA ARRIVAL. GOVERNMENT PAPER LA CRONICA IS TYPICAL WITH AFP STORY ON CABLE PAGE HEADLINED: "ROSALYNN ARRIVED IN COLOMBIA."

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4. THE CURRENT EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE 7-DIAS, PUBLISHED BY THE SECTORIZED DAILY LA PRENSA, FEATURES A FULL-PAGE PIECE ENTITLED, "ROSALYNN CARTER, INCOMPARABLE AMBASSADOR."

5. 7-DIAS SAYS, "WITH THE SECURITY OF HAVING CARRIED OUT NOT ONLY A GOOD WILL VISIT BUT ALSO OF HAVING PERFORMED AS THE BEST REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, JIMMY

CARTER, IN HIS POLICY OF STRENGTHENING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH PERU, THE FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES LEFT THE COUNTRY BOUND FOR BRAZIL."

6. THE MAGAZINE OPINES: "ROSALYNN CARTER HAS FULFILLED THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PRESIDENT THAT THIS TRIP BE SOMETHING MORE THAN A GOOD WILL TOUR. WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JIMMY CARTER AND FULLY BRIEFED ON THE SITUATION AND THE REALITIES OF THE COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN HER TOUR, ROSALYNN CARTER EXPLAINED AND REAFFIRMED THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES, BASICALLY IN REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION AND THE CONTROL OF ARMAMENTS, AND IN WHAT WE RESPECT SHE OBTAINED A CLEAR VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN PERU AND WHAT IS PROJECTED FOR THE FUTURE."

7. THE INDEPENDENT MAGAZINE OIGA RUNS IN ITS ANALYSIS OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK A LONG TAKEOUT ON MRS. CARTER'S VISIT HERE.

8. OIGA OBSERVES THAT "THE VISIT OF MRS. CARTER, WIFE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT EVENT FROM A POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW."

9. ANALYZING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, THE MAGAZINE SAYS: "THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN STRONGLY AFFECTED BY THE VIETNAM WAR AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WITH A LEADER OF THE QUALITY OF JIMMY CARTER WHICH HAS FACILITATED THE RENOVATION OF PERSPECTIVES, AND THE MANNER OF JUDGING THE EFFORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT ARE TRANSFORMING THEIR SOCIAL SYSTEM INTO ONE UNCLASSIFIED

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MORE JUST AND MORE HUMAN. THE STATEMENTS BY CARTER DURING HIS CAMPAIGN, HIS FIRST MEASURES AFTER ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES, HIS CAMPAIGN WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN FAVOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS--ALL THIS GIVES HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SUBMITTING TO A THOROUGH REVIEW ITS TRADITIONAL POLICY WITH RESPECT TO COUNTRIES THAT ARE WITHIN ITS ORBIT OF INFLUENCE. TODAY IT SEEMS TO HAVE MORE COMPREHENSION ABOUT THE EFFORTS OF POOR COUNTRIES TO AFFIRM THEIR NATIONALITY, BY OBTAINING JUST TREATMENT FROM THE BIG POWERS, AND BY TRANSFORMING THEIR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STRUCTURES. THE FACT IS THAT TODAY IN THE UNITED STATES THERE ARE WINDS OF CHANGE THAT PERMIT HOPE OF BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN ITS GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

10. OIGA CONTINUES: "FROM THIS ONE CAN SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VISIT OF MRS. CARTER FROM THE POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW, NOT ONLY INTERNATIONAL BUT NATIONAL AS WELL, BECAUSE IT IS EVIDENT THAT HER DECLARATIONS HAVE TO REFLECT THE THINKING OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS, ANYWAY, NATURAL THAT

WE GIVE IMPORTANCE TO HER VISIT AND THAT HER WORDS BE THOROUGHLY ANALYZED."

11. "MRS. CARTER GAVE THE IMPRESSION AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY OF SINCERELY APPRECIATING THE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN OUR COUNTRY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS AND THAT SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT THESE TRANSFORMATIONS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE WITHOUT EFFECTING CHANGES OF POWER, INTERNAL AS WELL AS IN RELATION TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC GROUPS. IN A WORD, ALL THIS GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PERU ARE ENTERING A STAGE OF POSITIVE GAINS. AS A SYMPTON OF WHAT WE ARE SAYING, THERE SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE DECLARATION AND ATTITUDES OF MRS. CARTER THE STATEMENTS OF TERENCE TODMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS WHO ACCOMPANIED MRS. CARTER ON HER TOUR. TODMAN PUBLICLY DECLARED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CREDIT ORGANIZATIONS TO ACCOMPLISH THE REFINANCING OF PERU'S EXTERNAL DEBT, UNCLASSIFIED

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BECAUSE THE COUNTRY IS PREPARED TO FACE IT. HE MADE THIS STATEMENT TO AP AFTER HAVING TALKED FOR TWO HOURS, AT THE SIDE OF MRS. CARTER, WITH THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS. THIS PROMPTS THE THINKING THAT THE UNITED STATES IS UNDERSTANDING, PERHAPS FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE ADVANTAGE OF A CHANGE IN ITS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA, A CHANGE THAT CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY IS NOT CONSIDERING AS HOSTILE MANEUVERS THE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND ECONOMICS PROMPTED BY OUR PROCESSES OF DEVELOPMENT. AS PRESIDENT CARTER RECENTLY STATED, THE UNITED STATES CAN NOT TRAVEL IN THE SAME COMPANY WITH A SERIES OF DICTATORS SIMPLY BECAUSE IT BELIEVES THAT THESE DICTATORS ARE GOING TO IMPEDE THE TRIUMPH OF COMMUNISM. THE NEAR FUTURE WILL DICTATE IF THESE OPTIMISTIC STATEMENTS CORRESPOND OR NOT TO THE REALITY OF THE FACTS," ACCORDING TO OIGA. HANSEN

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